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1. DURING JUNE 12 TOUR D'HORIZON WITH AMBASSADOR, MFA WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIRECTOR BOGDAN SAID SCHEDULE, THOUGH OF COURSE NOT FINAL AT THIS EARLY DATE, IS SHAPING UP TO INCLUDE CALL ON PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU (WHO HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEE SENATOR IF HIS OWN TIMING PERMITS) AND MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER CORNEL BURTICA. HOST WOULD BE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NICOLAE GIOSAN, AND EITHER HE OR CHAIRMAN OF GNA FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION WOULD NORMALLY HOST LUNCHEON OR DINNER FOR SENATOR AND PARTY.

2. TIMING CONSTRAINTS PRESENT SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES, BOGDAN SAID, SINCE LATE EVENING ARRIVAL JULY 12 IN FACT LEAVES ONLY DAY AND HALF FOR CONSULTATIONS SENATOR DESERVES. IT IS VERY HARD IN THIS TIMEFRAME TO SEE HOW PARTY COULD VISIT MONASTERIES OF NORTHERN MOLDAVIA AND STILL MEET WITH SUBSTANTIVE OFFICIALS AS DESIRED. ROMANIANS HAD THEREFORE BEEN THINKING IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING ROUGH
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TIMETABLE:

--JULY 13 MORNING. MEETING WITH GIOSAN, WHO, AS PRESIDENT OF ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, COULD ALSO PROVIDE SENATOR WITH DESIRED AGRICULTURAL BRIEFING, ALTHOUGH MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

MICULESCU IS OF COURSE NOT EXCLUDED.

--JULY 13 REST OF DAY. TRIP TO ROMANIA'S SECOND INDUSTRIAL CITY OF BRASOV AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, OVERNIGHTING THERE.

--JULY 14. RETURN TO BUCHAREST FOR MEETINGS WITH BURTICA AND POSSIBLY CEAUSESCU, AND AFFAIR HOSTED BY GIOSAN AT WHICH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS WOULD BE PRESENT, BEFORE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE.

3. REF A RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING WITH BOGDAN, AND WE WILL SUGGEST MEETINGS WITH FONMIN ANDREI (MACOVESCU RETIRED FROM MINISTRY IN MARCH) AND RCP CC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY MUSAT AT NEXT ENCOUNTER, AS WELL AS MAKING REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS TO INTERCONTINENTAL BOOKINGS. AT SAME TIME, IT SEEMS TO US THAT BOGDAN'S DESCRIPTION OF TIMING PROBLEMS IS PERSUASIVE, AND THAT PARTY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DROPPING TRIP TO NORTHERN MOLDAVIA IN FAVOR OF CLOSER BUT STILL BEAUTIFUL) BRASOV AREA, AND OF LETTING VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE GIOSAN HANDLE AGRICULTURAL BRIEFINGS. WE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT CEAUSESCU'S SUMMER HABITS OFTEN TAKE HIM TO BLACK SEA RESORT RESIDENCE AT NEPTUN, SO THAT POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH HIM THERE, AND ENSUING SCHEDULE CHANGES, SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED.
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4. ADVISE RE GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF SCHEDULE AS BLOCKED OUT PARA 2 ABOVE, INCLUDING SUBSTITUTION OF BRASOV FOR MOLDAVIA AND GIOSAN FOR AGMIN MICULESCU.
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